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## Letter dated 6 May 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 28 April 2016 (S/2016/422), in which you requested the establishment of a standing inter-mission cooperation arrangement for an initial period of one year between the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon and the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

The Security Council has consistently supported demining operations in Cyprus, most recently in its resolution 2263 (2016), in which it urged rapid agreement on facilitating the recommencement of demining operations and clearance of the remaining minefields, called upon both sides to allow access to deminers and to facilitate the removal of the remaining mines in Cyprus within the buffer zone, and urged both sides to extend demining operations outside the buffer zone.

In this vein, and with a view to ensuring greater clarity over the deployment of troop-contributing contingents at any given moment under inter-mission arrangements, the Security Council welcomes the submission, for its consideration, of any such specific requests in the area of demining in Cyprus on a case-by-case basis, rather than under a one-year standing arrangement.

(*Signed*) Amr Abdellatif **Aboulatta**
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